

"...strengthen thy brethren"



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

March 15, 2015

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

Welcome All:

We are thankful to have you with us today. The Lord's church here is dedicated to the restoration of New Testament Christianity, respecting both the authority and the silence of the Scriptures.

Again, thank you for worshipping God today.

Schedule of Services

Worship...	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
	Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study...	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.

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Preacher: Michael Golwitzer (810) 771-4627

March 29th—Potluck following services

Remember our food closet. See Phyllis or Betty.

Ted Thrasher—Gospel Meeting—Oct. 18-21, 2015

P r a y e r L i s t

Al Haskell—kidney problems

Charlene Steele—injuries

Chuck Smith—heart & Sciatic nerve

Donna Duford—Betty's daughter.

Emily Mosher—need of prayers

Helen Summers—health problems

Janet Davis—health problems

Kim Penoyer—breathing problems

Lauren Weidner—encouragement

Marty and Joyce Stearns

Misty Davis—health problems

Pam Bentz—has cancer

Pat Crain—health problems

Russ Bateman—health problems

Sam Jones—Vivian's brother

Scott Bateman—health problems

Stan Bozich—friend of Chuck

Wendy Penoyer

Wyatt Duford—need of prayers

Sermons:

AM— Understanding Forgiveness

PM— How Deep Are You Rooted?

Is it necessary for a Christian to be a part of a local church? Can't one practiced his religion at home?

A look at the history of the early church assembling together in the New Testament should help us answer this question.

Of the very first church, it is said "they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together Acts 2:42-44

Acts 20:7 -- "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread "

1 Corinthians 11:18-20 -- the church came together in one place.

Hebrews 2:12 -- "I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee "

Hebrews 10:25 -- Forsaking not the assembling of yourselves together.

God's church is a body made up of many members. Each local congregation is designed by God to function together. Assembling alone at one's house defeats the purposes of assembling together.

I think (*we know*—mag) these verses show the need to assemble together with those of like precious faith. If one were physically unable to be present at the assemblies, this would be a different matter altogether. But to intentionally absent oneself from the assembly is not what God intends for His children.

Why am I sometimes afraid to do God's will?

This is an excellent question, but one difficult to answer. It may just be that you are a shy person, and have difficulty asserting yourself in all areas of life. Many times such failures are the result of a lack of faith. Since faith comes by hearing the word of God, by lack of faith I mean one knows little about God's track record in taking care of His people. Perhaps we are new Christians and have little or no experience with the word of God, or have neglected to study God's word as we ought.

Spending some time reading about the characters of Hebrews 11, with some research into the actual events in the Old Testament, can help us develop faith in God to take care of us if we will do His will. A study of the gospels and the life of Jesus is also a great help to Christians in the development of their faith. An examination of the book of Acts is also an encouraging study to develop faith.

Answers by Todd Clippard to both questions.